



# PDC NEWS

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## Public Disclosure Commission

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### Legislative Matters

The Commission discussed possible PDC-related legislation and whether to take a position on certain measures. The Commission agreed to:

- support funding a cost feasibility study regarding designing and implementing new electronic filing programs for lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and public agencies who lobby;
- support the sections of HB 1186 (judicial campaign reform) that:
  - prohibit corporations, labor organizations, LLPs, and LLCs from using general treasury funds for contributions or expenditures that influence an election of a supreme or court of appeals candidate,
  - impose a limit of \$1,000 per calendar year on contributions made to PACs that make independent expenditures or electioneering communications supporting or opposing supreme or court of appeals candidates, and
  - impose a per contributor annual, aggregate limit of \$5,000 on contributions given to all PACs that make independent expenditures or electioneering communications supporting or opposing supreme or court of appeals candidates;
- support the sections of HB 1362 (campaign reform) that:
  - prohibit corporations, LLPs, LLCs, and labor organizations from using general funds to make contributions or expenditures in connection with a candidate's election, and
  - impose a limit of \$1,000 on contributions made to political committees and a per contributor annual, aggregate limit of \$3,500 on contributions given to all political committees; and
- support the reorganization of RCW 42.17.

The Commission declined to take a position on other pending PDC-related legislation.

### Rulemaking

The Commission held a public hearing and adopted a permanent rule amending **WAC 390-24-010, Forms for statement of financial affairs**, revising PDC Form F-1 and its Supplement Page to accommodate business customer reporting by individuals involved with limited partnerships, limited liability partnerships, limited liability companies, and similar entities.

The Commission approved language for two new rules and three rule amendments that will align the Commission's rules with recent statutory changes. This rulemaking will continue in March when the commission holds public hearings on the following proposed rules:

- **WAC 390-17-400, Time limit to solicit or accept contributions**, to modify the ending date of the session freeze from 30 days after the legislative session to the date of adjournment;
- **WAC 390-17-030, Sample ballots and slate cards**, to change the reporting date for out-of-state committees from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month; and

- **WAC 390-18-025, Identification of “top five contributors,”** to clarify that bona fide political party committees making independent expenditures and electioneering communications are exempt from the “top five” provision.

The new rules include:

- **WAC 390-16-320, Candidates in small political subdivisions – Reporting,** sets benchmarks for candidates running for office in small political subdivisions to establish when they are subject to the reporting provisions of RCW 42.17; and
- **WAC 390-05-275, Definition – Party organization,** defines “party organization” for the purposes of chapter 42.17 RCW and Title 390 WAC.

### **Reporting Modifications:**

The Commission granted a partial Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) reporting modification to **Krsitianne Blake**, a University of Washington regent, who requested an exemption from reporting the business customers of Laird Norton Tyee and Advantage IQ, companies of which she is a director.

The Commission renewed reporting modifications, with no changes, for:

- **Gordon Budke**, Trustee, Eastern Washington University
- **Int’l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 77 Political Committee**

### **Advisory Matters**

The Commission accepted the lists of professional staff required to file annual F-1 statements submitted by the Office of the Governor, State House of Representatives, and State Senate.

The Commission meeting materials may be found at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) under **Commission Meetings**. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at [landerson@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:landerson@pdc.wa.gov).

<p>The next regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission is tentatively scheduled for February 22, 2007.</p>
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